

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 4, please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] Set forth below are details regarding exemplary hardware architectures (Figures 2 and 3) and exemplary screen shots displayed by the exemplary system to a customer determining whether financing is ~~to be~~ pursued (Figures 5 through 18). Although specific exemplary embodiments of methods and systems for facilitating financing for facilities are described herein, the methods and systems are not limited to such specific exemplary embodiments.

At page 7, please replace paragraph [0040] with the following amended paragraph:

[0040] If the customer has selected link 106 as described above, then screen 120 as shown in Figure 6 is displayed. Specifically, the customer is presented with a screen listing a number of background questions regarding the customer's financing requirement. Each question includes a drop down box 122, where the customer can select the answer to the individual background questions. In the embodiment shown, background questions include the country where financing is required, which energy related business is the financing for, is the financing required for an operating asset, are ~~[[U.S.]]~~ taxes in the United States currently being paid by the customer, is the customer interested in structured debt such as high yield debt or subordinated debt. In the embodiment shown, several of the terms in the questions include embedded links, that the customer can select, whereupon system 10 will cause a screen (not shown) which includes a definition of the term selected.

At page 8, please replace paragraph [0041] with the following amended paragraph:

[0041] If a customer enters a negative answer to both the off-balance sheet/non-recourse financing question and the structured debt question, system 10 will cause a screen (not shown) to be displayed on which a customer can supply an answer to whether he is representing a company in the early stages of the corporate cycle without an established EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization) or an early stage

pre-IPO (Initial Public Offering) energy ~~technology/services~~ technology or services company.
Also a question is presented in such a screen as to whether the customer is interested in a financing that is senior to common equity and debt-like in terms, but junior to all lenders and trade creditors.